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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. European Patent Application No. 0 714 850, published June 5, 1996.
2. European Patent Application No. 0 666 239, published August 9, 1995.
3. European Patent Application No. 1 065 693, published January 3, 2001.

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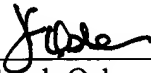
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